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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Submission previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

b. Submission enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supp. IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- Postcard
- Check
- Fee Transmittal Sheet
- Petition

4. Deposit Account

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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